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With all of the recent, remarkable success of charter public schools, it seems like it would be a no-brainer for legislators to learn from and champion them. #KidsNotPolitics #Stand4All https://t.co/pbCh1immhZ

We Need to Learn From and Champion Great Public Schools

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What an amazing week for charter public schools in California!

First, charter public schools in the Bay Area and in Los Angeles were recognized as top schools in helping to close the achievement gap in Math and English for low-income Black and Latino students. This came courtesy of a new joint report by Innovate Public Schools and the University of Southern California (USC). The report found:

Upcoming Deadlines

June 3	**Applications for Charter School Facility Grant Program due.**
June 29	**FY 2018-19 California Renovation and Repair Loan Program applications due to the CDE.**
June 30	**Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund General Facilities Application FY 2018-19 due to the CDE by this date.**

- 27 percent of the top Los Angeles County public schools are charter schools, which only serve about 17 percent of students in the county.
- Of the 51 schools in the Bay Area recognized as top schools, 29 were charter public schools, or 57 percent.

Read more on this.

Need access to Member only materials?
Please contact **legal@ccsa.org** for credentials

Grant Opportunities

May 15	**The Rosenthal Prize for Inspiration and Innovation in Math Teaching**
Ongoing	**Amgen Foundation Grant**
Ongoing	**WestRock Foundation Grant**

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Member Services

Did You Know CCSA Offers Incorporation and Tax Exemption Support to Qualifying Members?

Under CCSA's Incorporation Services Program, qualifying CCSA members can receive pro bono or reduced rate legal support with the incorporation and tax exemption process from outside attorneys.

CCSA members located in Los Angeles and San Diego counties may receive pro bono legal services from a public interest law group if they can demonstrate that their target demographic includes at least 50% free and reduced price eligible students. Members elsewhere in the state may receive reduced rate legal services from the law firm of Young, Minney & Corr (YMC) if their target demographic includes at least 30% free and

reduced price eligible students.

In general, the incorporation and tax exemption services that the attorneys will provide include the following:

- Drafting and filing Articles of Incorporation to form the school corporation
- Drafting related corporate documents such as bylaws and initial board resolutions
- Preparing and filing federal and state income tax exemption applications, once the charter has been approved

Recipients of both pro bono and reduced rate services will be expected to pay the government filing fees associated with the incorporation and tax exemption process, which total approximately $800. Recipients of YMC's reduced rate services will pay a substantially reduced flat fee of approximately $1,500 for legal services. This is a discount of over $3,000. There is no legal fee for the pro bono legal services.

Want additional information? Read more about incorporating your charter school, view the resources in our resource library, or contact CCSA's Legal Team.

Member Workshops and Trainings

Prepare for SB 126 Now: Get Tips on How to Ensure Your School Will be in Compliance When SB 126 Goes Into Effect January 1, 2020!

Back by popular demand, the California Charter Schools Association is holding our **Governance Academy**, offered in partnership with Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch, LLP (San Diego and Los Angeles), and Young, Minney and Corr, LLP (Bay Area and Sacramento). CCSA's Governance Academy is a free, intensive workshop designed to help school leaders and governing board members increase their knowledge of

their legal obligations as stewards of public schools.

Learn more and register below by selecting the Governance Academy closest to you:

- May 7: San Diego, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch
- May 9: Los Angeles, 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM, CCSA Los Angeles Office
- May 21: Bay Area, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Alameda County Office of Education
- May 23: Sacramento, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, CCSA Sacramento Office

For questions or more information, please contact helpdesk@ccsa.org.

Charter Professional Roundtable (CPR) Being Offered

If you're in the Riverside area, we invite you to join a free discussion presented by CCSA Vendor Member, Bender Insurance Solutions, to learn how to engage with your communities and maximize resources while ensuring compliance. This session, held on **Wednesday, May 15 from 10:00am - 1:30pm** will cover:

> **Community Outreach:** How charter schools effectively connect with and engage in their communities to ensure families are served. The session will engage charter veterans with long-term success in their communities, sharing out obstacles, challenges and solutions.
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> **Financial Services**: What are charter schools doing to maximize their resources, while ensuring compliance as public school organizations under increased scrutiny and regulations? Roundtable guests will provide resources and will engage in a group learning exercise.

Bring your questions, enjoy hearing and sharing with other charter school folks, offer suggestions and be a part of the solution!

We look forward to seeing you Wednesday, May 15th at 10:00am – 1:30pm!

Location:

Gateway College & Career Academy
4800 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, CA 92506

Save the Date for CCSA's Spring Business Managers' Meetings!

Wondering about the May Budget Revise and how the state's financial situation will impact your school? Look no further than CCSA's Business Managers' meetings! We will cover the current funding rates, updates on proposed changes, information on state and federal categorical programs - plus legislative and regulatory updates.

The Knowledge Management Team will dispense up-to-the-minute information. Aligned with the state budget timeline, the Business Managers' meetings focus on budgetary and financial information schools need to know and on legislative updates with a fiscal impact.

Register for an **online** meeting here:

- May 29, 10 am – Noon
- May 30, 10 am – Noon
- June 4, 4 pm – 6 pm
- June 5, 10 am – Noon

Questions? Contact helpdesk@calcharters.org.

New Web-Based Trainings on CalSAAS and CALPADS

Recently, California Department of Education (CDE) and Commission on

Teacher Credentialing (CTC) staff have been conducting trainings at California county offices of education regarding the new State Assignment Accountability System (CalSAAS), changes in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS), and changes to the state course codes and descriptions.

The CDE is providing web-based trainings for those who are unable to attend in-person. Participants should attend all three webinars to receive all content made available.

Information on the web-based trainings can be found here.

Sponsored Content

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BE SAFE. FEEL SAFE. Learn more about how CharterSAFE's team can partner with your school.

As a school leader, your job is to ensure that student learning is happening every day in a calm, safe environment for *everyone* inside your campus. It's not necessarily to be an expert in best practices within the school insurance, risk management and safety world.

That's where CharterSAFE's team comes in.

With deep roots in California's charter school movement – led by a California charter school alumna – CharterSAFE has been providing a holistic array of services for its members since 2004. Today, it serves more than 275 members in keeping over 890 school facilities safe and secure.

As an ongoing partner, CharterSAFE works directly with member schools'

leadership and operations teams to customize school safety plans. This wide-ranging work includes everything from contract review and facility use agreements, to HR consulting and litigation assistance, among other services.

Learn more about its array of comprehensive coverage, services and 24/7 support and visit chartersafe.org.

Are you working with contractors or vendors on school projects?

This is a time of year when many schools are entering into, or renewing, contracts with small vendors, professional services firms and more. The two most important risk management considerations when hiring vendors are insurance and Indemnity/Hold Harmless Agreements. Here are typical member questions the CharterSAFE team receives around this time of year:

> ***Q: The vendor is a small contractor who can't afford costly insurance. Can my school make an exception for this individual?***
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> A: No contract is a bargain if the school will potentially be responsible for out-of-pocket claim costs, deductibles, and increased loss ratios under the school's insurance. Insurance programs are widely available and the typical cost for general liability insurance for the smallest of contractors is under $2,500 per year. Any reputable contractor should be able to obtain insurance for reasonable cost. Allowing exceptions can set an unwanted precedent.
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> ***Q: If the vendor has insurance, why does my school need an indemnity and/or hold harmless agreement?***
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> A: Obtaining evidence of insurance coverage from vendors is an important tool in distancing a school from the financial consequences of a vendor's mistakes. However, insurance policies don't cover every

exposure to loss, and policy forms vary widely from one insurance company to another. To close the gaps in protection when insurance coverage is not provided or is insufficient, the vendor should provide, in writing, an agreement that assumes financial responsibility for risks associated with the work provided, aka an Indemnification and/or Hold Harmless Agreement. A written contract is recommended in all circumstances, regardless of the size of the job.

Click here for information about minimum insurance coverage CharterSAFE's team recommends for small vendors and contractors. CharterSAFE members can call its risk management team at any time to discuss specific vendor contracts and concerns. To learn more about what CharterSAFE member perks include, please contact info@chartersafe.org.

Featured Grant: National Society of High School Scholars Innovation Educator Grant

Funding is available to purchase supplies, materials, field trips or other resources to enhance the delivery of courses by educators who actively support the advancement of their profession by utilizing new methods and strategies.

Learn more here.

CCSA ANSWERS:

Is the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) required for charter schools?

Find out the answer here.

SEE ALL THE ANSWERS TO YOUR FAQS

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